

ANATOMY

A Bone Man And a Muscle Man

As Dissected by Vesalius,
Pioneer in Accurate Anatomy

"A Classic of Science"

Librorum Andreae Vesalii, Bruzellensis, De Humani Corporis Fabrica, Epitome cum Annotationibus Nicolai Fontani, Amstelodami, MDCXLII.

VESALIUS' EPITOME first appeared in Basel in 1540, and was reprinted many times as a standard text in the new science of anatomy, just emerging from the fetters of Galen's authority. It and the fuller Fabrica, published three years later, were illustrated by artists who were pupils of Titian. They served as models of anatomical charts for more than a century. Vesalius obtained his material for dissection from the public gibbets where thieves were hanged. Garrison says: "It was the effect of his strong and engaging personality that made dissecting not only viable, but respectable."

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